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Quota Bulletin

QB 14 – 129 Restraint Level
Liquidation Instructions 2014 Tuna



RESTRAINT LEVEL / LIQUIDATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2014 TUNA TARIFF-RATE QUOTA

RESTRAINT LEVEL:

A notice entitled "Tuna – Tariff Rate Quota" published in the Federal Register on April 11, 2014 announced the 2014 restraint limit for tuna. The quota restraint limit for 2014 is 15,833,343 kilograms.

The quota on tuna oversubscribed at opening moment on January 2, 2014. All entry summaries and/or warehouse withdrawals of tuna presented at 12:00 p.m. E.S.T. or its equivalent in other time zones will be prorated as follows: **0.6777525 or 67.77525** percent of the presented quantity shall be liquidated at the in-quota (low) rate (HTS 1604.14.22/6%). The remainder shall be liquidated at the over-quota (high) rate (HTS 1604.14.30/12.5%). Quantities should be rounded to the nearest whole number as appropriate.

Any entry summaries and/or warehouse withdrawals presented after 12:00 p.m. E.S.T. January 2, 2014 or its equivalent in other time zones shall be liquidated at the high rate (HTS 1604.14.30/12.5%).

Additionally, several entry summaries were presented in 2014 for tuna released in 2013. Per 19 CFR 142.23, an entry summary for quota-class merchandise must be filed within 10 working days after merchandise is authorized for release or before the end of the quota period, whichever expires first. Accordingly, these quantities are to be reported as part of the 2013 tariff-rate quota and as the quota was closed at the time of release, these entry summaries should be liquidated at the over-quota (high) rate of duty.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

It will be the responsibility of port personnel to ensure that the quota is reported properly for entries containing tuna. The ports having entries that require proration will be given the specific details in a separate message.

DISTRIBUTION:

Please ensure that this notice is passed to all port directors, assistant port directors (trade), import specialists, entry specialists, CBP officers, and other interested parties such as brokers and importers.

Questions from the importing community regarding this electronic message should be referred to the local CBP port. The port may refer their questions through email to HQ Quota or contact Richard Wallio, Quota Branch Chief, Office of International Trade at (202) 863-6508.

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